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The Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
Main Justice Building, Room 5111
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Dear Attorney General:

I hereby submit my resignation as United States Attorney of Northern Alabama effective 5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2009, due to the change in Presidential administrations. It has been an honor and privilege to serve since September 30, 2001. Working alongside the committed public servants of this district has been a high honor and the most fulfilling duty of my twenty years in public service. Thank you for your support and the support of the Department of Justice during my tenure.

In reflecting upon the almost eight years I am pleased to report that the Department's priorities, as well as local law enforcement needs, have been addressed with remarkable results through dedicated efforts, strategic partnerships, and efficient use of resources. The outstanding Assistant United States Attorneys, legal support staff and administrative personnel have worked diligently to fairly enforce federal laws resulting in completed investigations/prosecutions involving more than 8,350 criminal defendants; resolution of more than 7,845 civil cases; and completion of more than 1,333 appeals.

We worked on nationally significant cases on key law enforcement concerns which dominated the early days of my tenure - terrorism and corporate crime. Eric Robert Rudolph, our nation's most wanted domestic terrorist, plead guilty to four terrorist bombings of a Birmingham abortion clinic, Centennial Olympic Park and two Atlanta nightclubs which resulted in three deaths and numerous severe injuries. Our actions helped bring about the recovery of more than 250 pounds of secreted volatile explosives that left unsuspecting citizens in grave harm. He will never be free to harm again. Likewise, we heeded the call for real-time prosecution to help restore investor confidence and obtained the conviction of fifteen HealthSouth corporate officers, involved in a massive \$2.8 billion accounting fraud, in less than a year from the crime's discovery. This represents the most convictions in a single corporate fraud prosecution in the nation.

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On the local level I can report that the Department's national initiatives had a positive impact in protecting citizens from violent offenders and child predators. More than 1,250 felons possessing firearms were convicted under Project Safe Neighborhood, and more than 306 child predators were convicted under Project Safe Childhood. Local strategies establishing a Healthcare Fraud Working Group and the North Alabama Public Corruption Task Force also yielded significant results. Focusing on public corruption, the highest local priority, resulted in 130 convictions of elected/appointed public officials from both political parties, and those seeking to buy political influence. Equally notable is that more than 125 civil and criminal healthcare fraud cases have been prosecuted, including the nation's largest settlement involving Medicare hospice fraud. Finally, to ensure crime did not pay we obtained forfeitures/money judgments totaling more than \$93 million, and collected more than \$206 million through the district's Financial Litigation Unit.

For these, and many more reasons, every day has been a pleasure and a privilege. I will always remain grateful for the opportunity to have spent fourteen years of my legal career with the Department of Justice. I leave confident that the President's nominee for United States Attorney, Appellate Chief Joyce Vance, will serve admirably and I strongly recommend her appointment as Acting United States Attorney pending Senate confirmation.

I wish every blessing for success as you lead the fine men and women of the Department of Justice and the Northern District of Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Alice H. Martin
United States Attorney